

WASHINGTON, DC—After the President's State of the Union address, Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Social Security, released the following statement:

"President Obama could not have been clearer: □ This is a make or break moment for America's middle class and a defining moment in our nation's history.

As our economy continues to recover from the worst economic recession since the Great Depression we must ensure that all Americans get a fair shot at the American Dream. □ That means if you work hard and play by the rules you will be rewarded, but everyone must play by the same set of rules. □ And all Americans, no matter how big their bank account, must pay their fair share. □ We cannot afford to go back to the same failed policies that got us into this mess in the first place.□

This is our time. □ So, as President Obama said, let's meet the moment and overcome the challenges we face by providing our students and workers with the education and training they need to compete in the twenty-first century; jump starting American manufacturing so that we can Make It In America again; fueling our economic recovery with homegrown renewable energy; and reaffirming our American values of fairness and responsibility."